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Second Preliminary Amendment U.S. Application No. 10/557,611

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants present an amended claim 5 consistent with the original specification.

Applicants submit the amended claim 5 avoids new matter.

Applicants present amended claims 12 and 13 to change unnecessary capitalizations that were inadvertently introduced by word processing software.

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on December 8, 2005. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider all the information disclosed and to confirm such independent, careful consideration by returning an initialed and dated PTO/SB08a form (approved substitute for PTO 1449 type form).

Favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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